

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
TELEFONE INCORPORATED FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES IN)	
SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC02-014

On February 8, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Telefyne Incorporated (Applicant)

Applicant proposes to offer intrastate alternative operator services. A proposed tariff was filed by Applicant. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 14, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 1, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 24, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered Applicant's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3, and ARSD 20:10:24:02, 20:10:24:03 and 20:10:24:05. The Commission finds that Applicant has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Applicant has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Applicant's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Applicant's application for a certificate of authority to provide alternative operator services is granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Applicant shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of September, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner